

WISCONSIN WOOL EXCHANGE

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KNITTING * FELTING * GIFTS * LESSONS

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WOOL BY THE FIRE

Amherst: The nights are still long and the fire is toasty – a perfect time to curl up and knit. But if you find yourself going a little stir crazy come down and join us for a class, or open crafting, or just bring your project down and hang out with Jacque and Maud a bit!

OUR HOURS

W – F 10am – 6pm

S & S 10am – 2pm

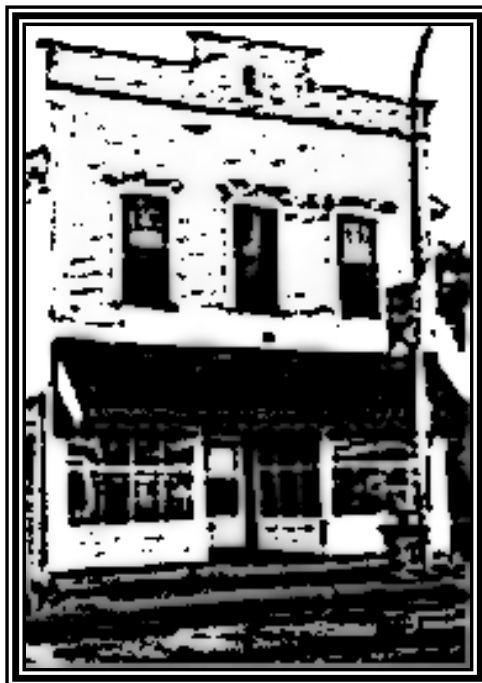
WHAT'S NEW?

CLASSES! Our first round of classes went so well that we have even more classes this time (p. 2). All classes are limited to 6 people so there is lots of attention to go around. Come in and sign up soon because they fill fast! Want private instruction or a custom class for you and some friends? We do that too!

COW GIRL KNITZ of Merrill Wisc. - Kristi Spaulding's subtle hand-painted yarn will take your breath away. Come check out her super-wash merino blend sock yarn and organic merino top. As Kristi asks, "What's in your holster?"

BARB WILSON'S HANDSPUN – seen for years on local dance floors, Barb is now treating us to her handspun fibers. Silk, mohair, wool, alpaca, llama, cotton.... Barb has spun it all!

POLKA DOTS by Cathy of Woodruff – Just before Christmas, Cathy Iverson brought us a collection of her beautiful bags. Handmade with a quilter's skill, these bags have many pockets, perfect for crafts or just as the perfect bag for your wallet, phone, keys, book, the socks you are knitting, your lunch, photos.....



The Wisconsin Wool Exchange

123 Main Street between The Int'l Bank of Amherst & the OK Hardware Store,

KIMMET-CROFT YARN of Wisc. Rapids
In several weights and dozens of hand-dyed colors, Kimmet-Croft Fairy Hare is the merino/angora blend that is the exclusive yarn for the patterns in Wendy Keele's *Poems of Color Knitting in the Bohus Tradition* published by Interweave Knits. Not only do we carry the yarn and the book but also kits for the amazing hat and mitten patterns in the book. With these kits you can knit a Bohus hat without buying a skein of each of the 15 called-for colors.

In a kit or by the skein, Kim Becker's sheep and bunnies and her hand-dyeing mix to produce some of the most beautiful yarn you've ever knitted with.

And if you need a gift but don't have the time to make it, We have both boot socks and grandma-knitted mittens made from Kimmet-Croft's beautiful merino angora yarn.

WEATHER FORECAST

Perfect weather for wool socks, hats with ear flaps, long snuggly scarves and mittens like your grandmother used to make!

Snow Day Policy: *If Tomorrow River Schools has a snow day, so do we! Please call ahead if the weather is very bad.*

SUNDAY EXCHANGE

NOON – 2PM

OPEN CRAFTING! Bring your current project and join us to swap stories, work out wooly puzzles, show off, and share the loves and little frustrations of a life of needles and strings.

FREE SUNDAY DEMOS

1:00 OR SO

Jan 31 – Making Tassels
Feb 14 – Provisional Cast on
Feb 28 – Winding Center Pull Balls
Mar 14 – I-cords
Mar 28 – Andean Plying
April 11 – Kitchner Stitch Grafting

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

OUR WEBSITE: If you haven't found us on the web yet, find class lists, special events, photos and the new products that are coming each week on our www.WisconsinWoolExchange.com

FACEBOOK: We have over 160 fans on Facebook already! Come post project photos, insights & fiber related poetry.

RAVELRY: Thanks to Squidwidget for starting a Wisc Wool Exchange group on Ravelry If you are on Ravelry, find us! (Maud's ravatar is Dancing Gardener) If you haven't found www.Ravelry.com yet, you will be amazed by all that it offers to the yarny masses.

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

START KNITTING NOW! All the basics to knit a warm wool scarf for those who've never knitted.

Saturday 2 – 4 January 16, February 13, or March 13

Free with purchase of needles & yarn!

FIXING MISTAKES Snags, dropped stitches, knits that should have been purls, un-knitting, and much more. Bring a swatch to class, instructions available when you sign up

Saturday 2 – 4 January 30

\$20 (and worth every penny)

INTRO TO NEEDLE FELTING Learn the basics and leave with all the tool & supplies you need for hours of needle felting fun.

Choose from three different sessions:

Thursday 10:30 – 11:00 January 28 or April 8

Saturday 2:00 – 3:00 February 6

\$20 includes foam, needles & roving!

FELTED SOAP Learn to wet felt. Wool is included just bring 3 bars of your favorite soap.

Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 February 20 or April 17

\$25 includes roving – bring your own soap

DROP SPINNING FOR BEGINNERS Bring your spindle or buy one here and leave knowing how to spin & ply your own artisan yarn!

Saturday 2 – 4:00 February 27 or April 10

\$30 includes 3 types of roving to try

FELTED PIN CUSHION Felt a large rosette style pin cushion. Bring your needles and foam.

Saturday March 6 2:00 – 4:00

\$30 includes all felt & wool

NUNO FELTED SCARF Intro to the Art of Felting. We will make a beautiful silk & wool scarf that will make you both warm and the envy of all.

Saturday Mar 20 2:00 – 4:00

\$35 includes materials

MULTI-DAY CLASSES

KNITTING SOCKS! Learn to knit the basic top-down sock over three classes

Prerequisites: Cast on, knit & purl

Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 Apr 1, 8 & 15

\$45 plus needles & yarn

CAMP COURAGE!

Now's your chance to acquire those new skills you've been meaning to tackle. Sign up for one or all 5.

Thursday evenings 6 – 7:30

\$30 per two-night class plus materials

Circular Knitting

Knit a hat with optional earflaps using both circular and double pointed needles. **Jan 21 & 28**

Mittens & Thrumming

Knit well-fitting woolly mittens learn how to add thrumming for even extra warmth. **Feb 4 & 11**

Swatches, Gage & Blocking

Explore some of those finer points that make your knitting fit like it was made for you! **Feb 18 & 25**

Cables

Cables are timeless and simple. Knit a cabled cowl or scarf your choice! **Mar 4 & 11**

A little bit of Lace

Master increases and decreases, use them to knit a beautiful lace scarf or shawl **Mar 18 & 25**

10% OFF ALL CLASS MATERIALS PURCHASES!

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